

Younger Students Policy

1. DLI will maintain procedures for the enrolment of students under the age of 18.
2. DLI welcomes applications from candidates of all ages, including those who are under the age of 18. All applications are considered in line with the [Admission Policy](#) and DLI may grant places to underage students where:
 - (a) it determines that they are academically qualified to successfully complete the relevant program of study
 - (b) there are places available
 - (c) there is evidence of parental or guardian consent.
3. DLI offers its students an adult environment and treats them as mature, independent individuals. All students (including underage students) behave in an appropriate mature manner and abide by DLI policies and legislation.
4. DLI is not able to take on the usual rights, responsibilities and authority that parents/guardians have in relation to a child, and will not act in the place of parents/guardians in relation to students who are under the age of 18 years.
5. Any DLI staff member who is concerned about the wellbeing of an underage student, will raise these concerns with the DLI Chief Operating Officer.
6. DLI procedures will prohibit any person in a position of trust (which includes members of DLI staff, or DLI contractors) to engage in sexual activity with someone who is under 18 years old.
7. DLI provides health and wellbeing support to our under 18 students.

The Joint Procedures Manual will draw upon the Deakin University [Underage Student Support Procedure](#) and Lancaster University [Policy for the Admission of Students Under the Age of 18](#).